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"Renewed Interest"

Resurrecting Toys for Tots in Marion

By Kenneth J. Souza

If you happened to witness a couple of women in Marion trucking loads of stuffed animals to and from the laundromat recently, you probably encountered Betsy Duncan and Sandy Dawson, two of the founding members of what they refer to as simply the "Toy Project."

Since 1989, the ladies have been the driving force behind a group of about a dozen volunteers who "resurrect" and clean up used toys which have been donated for distribution to needy children in the area.

"We now collect (toys) year-round," Ms. Duncan said. "We work on (distribution) from mid-September to mid-November. Some donations get left at St. Gabriel's Church ... others get left at the Marion Garage. My daughter is the secretary there and she's very happy to collect whatever she can."

The so-called Toy Project has origins which can be traced all the way back to 1938, when Ms. Duncan's parents, Randolph and Elizabeth Payson, and her aunt and uncle, Marie and Hyde Gillette, started a similar collection for the needy just outside Chicago, IL where they lived.

"The last time they did it was the year World War II started ... that sort of put a squash on it," Ms. Duncan said. "I can remember as a little girl and walking into my aunt and uncle's basement and seeing all these toys hanging by strings because in those days they didn't have plastic toys — everything was wooden. So they repainted

them all. They fixed bicycles, games ... *everything*."

In fact, Ms. Duncan proudly noted that her uncle Hyde, now 96 and living in Wellesley, MA, still makes an effort to come down to Marion every year to witness the toy giveaway firsthand.

Since its local inception in 1989, Ms. Duncan estimates they have collected and given away some 1,000 "resurrected" toys each year — but 2003 might have been their best ever.

"This year I think we gave closer to 1,500 (toys)," Ms. Duncan said. "Ninety percent of them are used toys, but the soft toys have all been to the laundromat, washed and dried; the puzzles have all been done to make sure they have all their pieces; the games are all checked to be sure they have directions and all their pieces; even the electronic toys are checked to make sure they work."

Ms. Dawson said she is in charge of both electronic toys — which have become increasingly popular of late — and the traditional Barbie dolls which never seem to go out of style. "(The Barbie dolls) are put (into) cut-down shoeboxes that have been covered ... and then they're shrink-wrapped and they all have extra outfits



Right: Betsy Duncan of Marion poses with her uncle, 96-year-old Hyde Gillette, during the recent "Toy Project" distribution session held at St. Gabriel's Church. Betsy has been carrying on the tradition of collecting used toys and giving them away to needy children which was started by her uncle and late aunt Marie in 1938 in Chicago. (Photo courtesy of Betsy Duncan).

Above: Herman Melville, who traveled aboard the Fairhaven-based whaler Acushnet to research his classic Moby-Dick, will have his novel recited non-stop during the New Bedford Whaling Museum's Eighth Annual "Moby-Dick Marathon" to be held on Saturday and Sunday, January 3 and 4. Some 150 readers are expected to read portions of the great American novel over the two day period.

On the cover: Sean Murphy, a fourth grader at Old Hammondtown School in Mattapoisett, demonstrates how his spaceship would function as it explored the planet Saturn. His was one of many eye-catching projects on display at the Annual Space Fair recently held at the school. (Photo by and courtesy of Laura McLean).



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with them," Ms. Dawson said. "I know more about Barbie dolls than I really wish to ... but we have a good time."

Ms. Duncan admitted the whole idea was met with some resistance when she first suggested it, which she initially found surprising. "A lot of people would have nothing to do with us (at first) because they were used toys," she said.

"They're really recycled (toys) ... which children no longer play with and would be thrown away anyway," Ms. Dawson said.

Noting that by recycling over 1,000 toys each year they are not only "saving the landfill" but also providing presents to children who might otherwise go without, Ms. Duncan also proudly boasted that the project has become an opportunity for area seniors to volunteer their time and talents for a worthy cause.

"I think the average age (of our volunteers) must be 70 or 75," she said. "A number of our workers are in their 80s. We have about 14 people (total) and we average 12 every Thursday (during distribution). It also gives them a time to socialize, which they don't normally have."

Ms. Duncan said the toys are distributed with assistance from several social workers from the area who are associated with various outreach programs. One of her key connections has become the Dick Melloni Youth Foundation Christmas Toy Drive based in Onset (West Wareham), which takes any surplus toys remaining after

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"Some of these toys go all the way to the islands — the Cape and the Vineyard," Ms. Dawson said. "And we packed some off to Lowell, MA this year. It's just been by chance that it has started to grow."

Although the important work of arranging distribution takes place during an intense one-month period just before the holidays, Ms. Duncan noted this has become a year-round venture for her small-knit group of volunteers, who each has specific talents to lend.

"We have one woman who we call our surgeon, and another who washes all the plastic toys," she said. "We also have brushers and bowers, then we have our electricians. This is all done at my house. It's amazing how much you can get in a cardboard box. We have another group that checks all the games and puzzles. Pretty much everyone knows what they're going to do."

From the end of September through just before Thanksgiving, the "renewed" toys are gathered in the Parish Hall of St. Gabriel's Church in Marion for distribution and the volunteers get to see the fruits of their labor on display.

"It makes us both very proud ... to see what we've done," Ms. Duncan said.

"Then there's the Monday after distribution, when there's nothing to do," Ms. Dawson countered.

Having conceived the idea to start the local effort in Marion after her husband Bob passed away, Ms.



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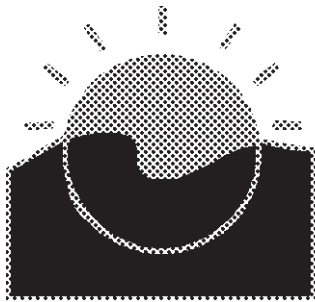
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Duncan is mostly proud that her efforts have not only done good for needy families, but also provided an outlet for charity in the area.

"It was a Godsend that we came together," Ms. Dawson agreed, "because it will increase our ability to serve more families."

"Call Me, Ishmael"

Moby Dick Marathon in New Bedford

A young bearded sailor will appear at 12:00 noon on Saturday, January 3, 2004, in the nineteenth-century garb of a whaler on the deck of the New Bedford Whaling Museum's half-scale whaling bark *Lagoda* and say, "Call me Ishmael."



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Readers will include descendants of Herman Melville and their families, professors, fishermen, school-teachers, selectmen, students, journalists, legislators, physicians, clergy, and other lovers of Melville and *Moby-Dick*. Spectators are welcome at any time and admission is free. The reading is expected to wrap up at approximately 1:00 pm on Sunday, January 4.

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Singer/Songwriter Plans CD Release Party

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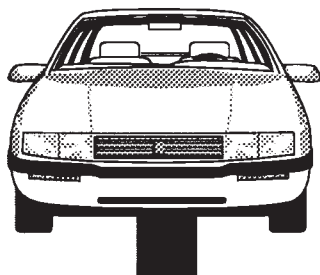
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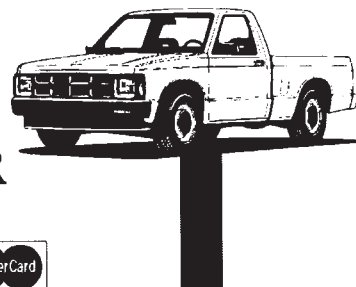
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Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

I would like to thank the Mattapoisett Police Department and the Mattapoisett Ambulance EMTs for their quick and professional expertise when I needed their assistance. The town is fortunate to have the help that is available when someone needs it. Special thanks to Anthony Days and Kevin Leblanc.

Sincerely,
Margery Fluegel
Mattapoisett

To the Editor:

On behalf of the artisans and artists who participated in the first annual "Art at the Inn" and "Tea Party" on December 1-



Animal Advice

Jay Gould, DVM

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I am thinking about getting a pet ferret. Will a ferret get along with my child and dog?

Ferrets and dogs usually get along fine. Ferrets should not be left alone with small children as these animals seem to be attracted to fats in kid's skin and may bite.

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Happy Holidays (from all the artists): Judy Tallman, Ryan McFee, Chip Davenport, Sail Away Studio, Fran Miller, Jessica Tallman, Clay Trout Pottery, Sheri Panck, Candy Cardoza, Peter Stone, Sarah Brown, Nancy Cyr, James Reitzas, Judith McFee, Dorothy Boudreaux, Emily Silverstein, Mariel Goddu, Donna Wingate - Impromptu Designs.

**Sincerely,
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Tri-Town Playgroup

Another series of the Tri-Town Playgroup will begin on January 7, 2004 and meet for six consecutive Wednesdays. Temple Mitchell will facilitate the sessions. The group will meet from 9:30 am to 10:30 am.

The playgroups offer children and families the opportunity to come together to share some simple activities, usually planned around seasonal themes. Adults also have a chance to connect with each other. The target age group for the playgroups includes two-, three-, and four-year-olds. Families that include a younger

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sibling are welcome to attend. A fee of \$10 per family, to cover the cost of materials, will be charged for the six-week series. The project is funded, in part, by the Old Rochester Regional School District's *Community Partnerships for Children* grant.

Registration is limited and preregistration is required. For more information or to register, please call the Early Childhood Office at 508-748-1863.

Mattapoissett Christmas Caroling

On Saturday, December 20, the Tinkhamtown Chapel in Mattapoissett will hold its annual Christmas Caroling. Everyone is invited to share in this charming tradition which is set in one of the oldest buildings in Mattapoissett, lit by oil lamps, heated with a wood stove, complete with an antique pump organ. As in the past, Dorothy Cook will accompany the choir. Children are invited to join in the choir for the caroling. Any children and/or adults that would like to share a favorite verse, song, or instrumental, please call Kate Webb at 508-758-2567 or Nancy Tinkham at 508-758-6249. Last minute performers are always accommodated, too. Free will offerings are collected for the upkeep of the chapel near the north end of Acushnet Road. If you love those great old standards, please come to the sing-along on Saturday, December 20 from 5:00 to 6:00 pm.

Rochester Trash Pickup

From ABC Disposal: this is to notify Rochester residents that routes were cancelled due to the recent snow storm. Rochester trash will be picked up on Saturday, December 13.

A special cardboard pick-up for all recycling routes will be on Wednesday, December 31.

Christmas trees will be picked up and recycled on Friday, January 16. Please have trees curbside on that

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Fairhaven Christmas Trees

For the past 29 years, Fairhaven Boy Scout Troop 55 (BSA) sponsored by the First Congregational Church of Fairhaven, has sold Christmas trees as their primary fund-raising activity. The tree sale will take now through Sunday, December 21 at Mike and Wayne's Police, Fire



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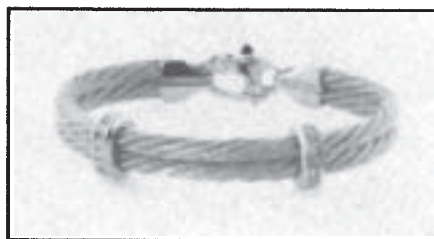
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Rochester Toys for Tots

The Rochester Toys for Tots Drive slated for
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Tis the season! The Plumb Corner Mall on Route 105 in Rochester is having its Fourth Annual Toys for Tots Drive. They will be accepting new unwrapped toys for all ages from now through December 16. They had a wonderful turnout last year and want to exceed the numbers this year.

Sippican Historical Society

The Sippican Historical and Preservation Society will be an official stop on the Sippican Woman's Club Tour on Saturday, December 13. Be sure to stop by and see their 2003 exhibits: "Summer People and the Guilded Age" and "The Ladies of Tabor, 1877-1957." Especially exciting this year is the new model of the half-brig *Mary Celeste*, whose Captain, Benjamin Briggs, lived in Marion. The model was built and donated to the Historical Society by Neale Birdsall. Get an up-close look at the beautifully crafted model of which the Historical Society and its Curator, Pete Smith, are proud.

In October Mr. Smith and Mr. Birdsall presented a slide show in the Historical Society office to the Marion Retired Men's Club. An unprecedented group — 29 in all — came to hear the lecture of the celebrated mystery ship and its crew.

The Sippican Historical Society will be closed for January and February of 2004. You can tour the Historical Society by appointment, by calling Curator Pete Smith at 508-748-1454 or the MacKinnons at 508-748-0055. The Society members thank you for your patronage in 2003 and look forward to seeing you in 2004.

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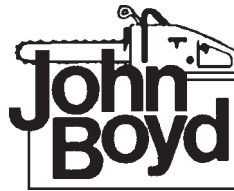
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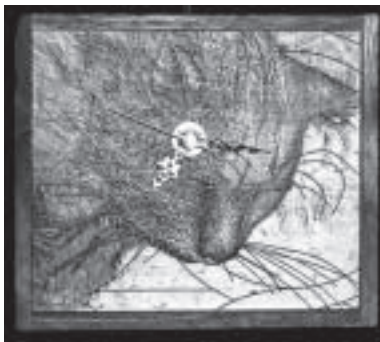
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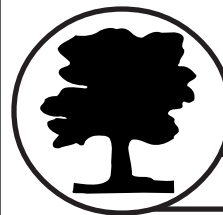
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Saturday and Sunday, December 20 and 21: create Hanukkah menorahs; Saturday, December 27 through Monday, December 29: create poinsettia note cards and get hints on writing great "thank you" letters; Tuesday and Wednesday, December 30 and 31: Noise for New Year's! Create kazoos and poppers to get in the spirit.

On Friday, January 2 at 10:00 am, the Elizabeth Taber Library and the Natural History Museum will present "Feeding Winter's Feathered Friends" for children ages 3 and older. Join Alan Harris upstairs at the Natural History Museum to learn about the birds that visit our yards in the winter. Then join Marsha Rehkamp downstairs in the Children's Room at the library to make pine cone bird feeders. Please register for this free program by calling or stopping by the library, or by e-mailing Marsha. **Winter 2003**

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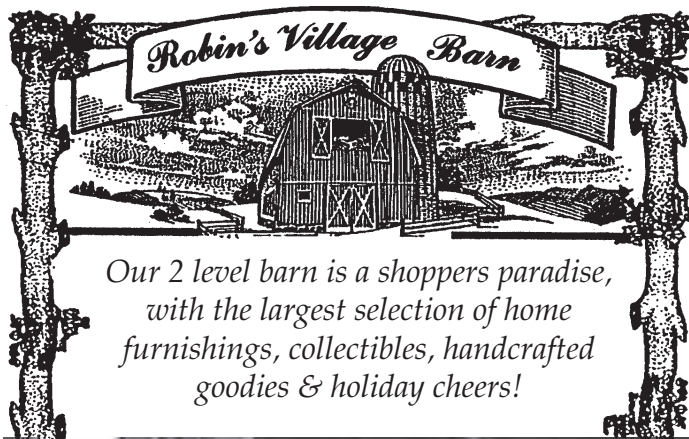
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3 months will begin January 14, 2004. Two sessions of the half-hour of stories, fingerplays, and crafts will be offered:

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Winter Storytime for children between the ages of 3 and 5 begins the week of January 12. Children are invited to enjoy stories, fingerplays and crafts on Monday mornings at 10:15 am or Tuesday afternoons at 1:30 pm. Winter Storytime begins January 12, 2004 and continues through March 9. Pre-registration is required. For more information, please call 508-748-1252.

Mattapoisett Christmas Concert

A free concert for the whole family by the Showstoppers Musical Entertainment Group will be held on Friday, December 12 from 7:00 to 8:30 pm in St. Anthony's Church Hall. The show will begin promptly at 7:00 pm and refreshments will be served.

Rochester Christmas Performance

The community is cordially invited to attend a special Christmas puppetry performance for children of all ages at 6:00 pm on Sunday, December 14 at the First Congregational Church of Rochester. The program will feature puppeteers from the congregation presenting a series of sketches with a Christmas message.

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Mattapoisett Open House

On Sunday afternoon, December 14, from 2:00 to 4:00 pm, the Mattapoisett Historical Society will open its doors for the Annual Christmas Open House at the Museum and Carriage House, 5 Church Street. This event is open to the public and they are invited to come and share some holiday cheer and best wishes with the

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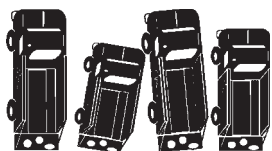
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ORR Students of the Month

Stephen Helman, Principal of Old Rochester Regional Junior High School, announced the following "Students of the Month" for November, 2003:

- GREEN TEAM – Rebecca Jenkinson and Ryan Hickey;
- ORANGE TEAM – Aimee Kelleher and Edward "Ned" Havel;
- BLUE TEAM – Adrienne King and Christopher Faustino;
- RED TEAM – Jacqueline Scholz and David Souza.

New Year in Marion

Ring in the New Year at the Marion Social Club's New Year's Eve Party Dinner Dance, to be held on December 31 from 7:00 pm to 1:00 am. The catered dinner will include steak tips, baked stuffed shrimp, veggies, salads, desserts and more. There will also be dancing with a D.J., party favors, noise makers, and a champagne toast. Tickets are \$40 per person and can be purchased by calling 508-748-3730. Don't miss out! The Marion Social Club is located at 44 Pumping Station Road in Marion.



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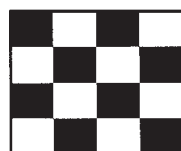
It is anticipated that the sale of *Home Care-Home Cooking* will help Fairhaven Community Nurse overcome some of their financial obstacles encountered as a non-profit organization. They are hopeful that this fund-raising effort will provide for additional services are care for patients.

Home Care-Home Cooking is filled with recipes donated by patients, family members, staff and other friends of Community Nurse that have been passed down for generations. It's a gift of love that everyone will enjoy using or giving during this holiday season. The cookbook is \$15 per copy, plus \$2.50 shipping and handling, or you may stop into the main office and pick up a copy in person: Community Nurse and Hospice Care, 62 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA 02719, Attn: Cookbook. For more information, please call 508-992-6278.

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If you have any questions about Fine Free Month, library items, or would like to renew library materials, please call them at 508-763-8600. The Plumb Library in Rochester is open Monday and Thursday, 1:00 to 8:00 pm; Tuesday and Wednesday, 10:00 am to 6:00 pm; Friday, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm; Saturday, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Rochester Journal 4

The Friends of the Plumb Library in Rochester are pleased to announce the recent publication of the book *Rochester Journal 4: Darkness Shall Turn To Light*. This is the fourth volume in the popular Rochester Journal series, which began in 1999. Copies are now on sale at the Plumb Library and Bev Loves Books, and sell for \$7.50 each. Copies can be mailed at an additional charge of \$2.

This edition includes stories, poems, photographs, and newspaper articles. It features a special tribute to the Rochester Fire Department, and some poignant memories from the Rounseville family. Readers can enjoy contributions from Arthur Lionberger, Judy Gurney, Muriel Hartley and Judy MacKinnon, Barbara Besse, Fred Randall, Jane Hinchcliffe Schotland, and many others. The book includes memories from the past two centuries. It was compiled and edited by former Library Director Lucy Loomis and printed by the students at the Offset Printing Department at Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School.

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There's still time to order your tree for the Second Annual Holiday Tree Decorating Event on the Rochester Town Common. Civic groups, businesses, families, or individuals are invited to purchase a tree from the Friends of the Library, which they will then decorate and display on the Town Common.

Groups and individuals can decorate their trees from 5:00 to 7:00 pm on Thursday, December 11 prior to the official tree lighting. The community is invited to come for refreshments, view and vote for their favorite tree, and catch the spirit of the holidays at the Plumb Memorial Library. The trees will be displayed nightly from 5:00 to 7:00 pm, December 11 - 14.

Bread Making

There's still room for participants in the Bread Baking Techniques Class being held at the Rochester Woman's Club. Maureen Sperry will be demonstrating techniques for baking specialty sandwich breads. Each participant will receive recipes and bread samples. Registration is required and a fee of \$25 must be paid before the event. Please call or stop in at the library during regular hours to register.

Library Contact

If you have any questions on these or any events at the Plumb Memorial Library in Rochester, please call 508-763-8600 during regular business hours: Monday and Thursday, 1:00 to 8:00 pm; Tuesday and Wednesday, 10:00 am to 6:00 pm; Friday, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm; and Saturday, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Tri-County Holiday Concert

Frazzled by holiday shopping and preparations? Enjoy the perfect antidote to the hustle and bustle with a relaxing afternoon listening to seasonal music. The Tri-County Symphonic Band, now in its 42nd season, will present its holiday concert on Sunday, December 14 at 3:00 pm in the Old Rochester Regional High School Performing Arts Center in Mattapoisett.



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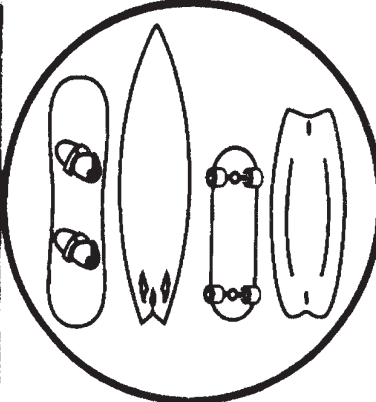
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Single admission tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for students, and free for children under age 5. Tickets will be on sale at the door as well as at the Shawmut Diner in New Bedford, Symphony Music Shop in Dartmouth, Friends Music Shoppe in Westport, and the Bookstall in Marion.

The concert is made possible, in part, by local Cultural Council grants and the support of the Tri-County Music Association benefactors, patrons, and sponsors. And concert tickets also make great gifts! The Tri-County Symphonic Band will present additional concerts in February, March and May. For more information, please call 508-758-4457 or 508-758-4541.

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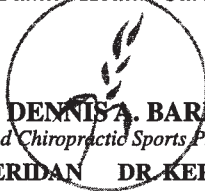
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You are invited to attend, join and add your experience and expertise to the group. Each month the Program Team brings in speakers and has a roundtable discussion of different topics. In September they discussed Health Care issues; in October the speaker drove down from Stoneham to share his businesses community involvement commitment. Last month they discussed the local school system and how local businesses can become

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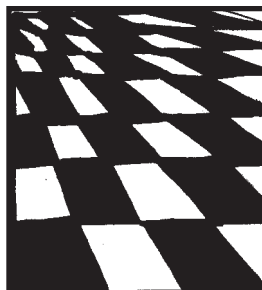
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This is your opportunity to network with fellow business men and women, share ideas and make contacts. For additional information please call Woody Hartley (508-763-2463) or Valerie Nichols (508-748-2919).

Mattapoisett Maconchu Club

The Maconchu Club is having their Annual Christmas Party on Saturday, December 20 in Reynard Hall at the Mattapoisett Congregational Church. This will be a delicious catered dinner served by Riccardi's. There will be punch and hors d'oeuvres at 6:00 pm, followed by dinner at 6:45 pm.

The menu will consist of fried chicken and roast beef, oven potatoes, garden vegetables, rolls and butter, cranberry sauce, tossed salad, assorted pastries, coffee and punch. The cost for the meal will be only \$12 a plate. Entertainment will be songs by Susan Lainey. You do not have to belong to the club to come to the dinner and everyone is welcome.

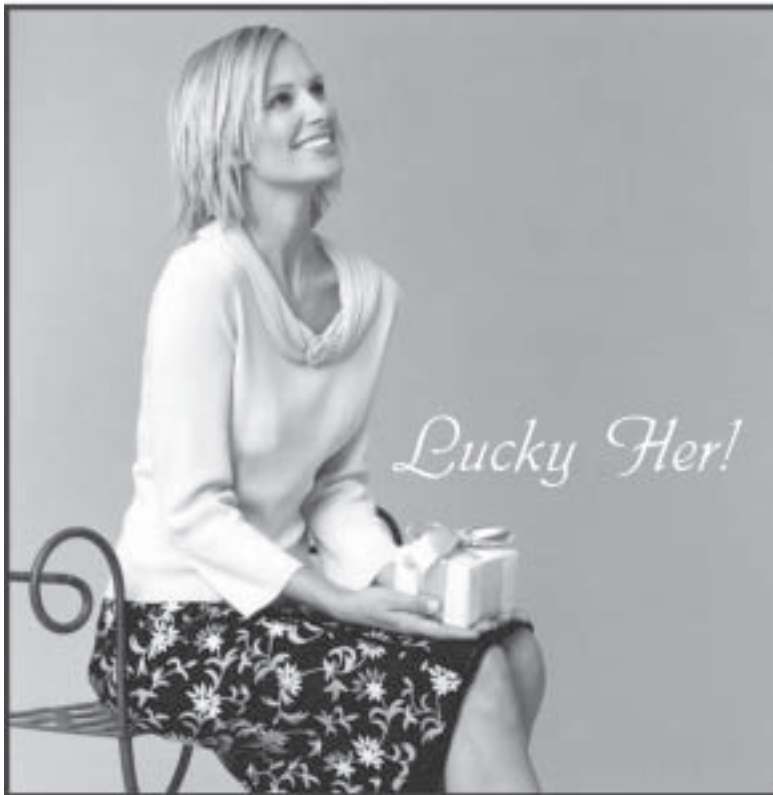


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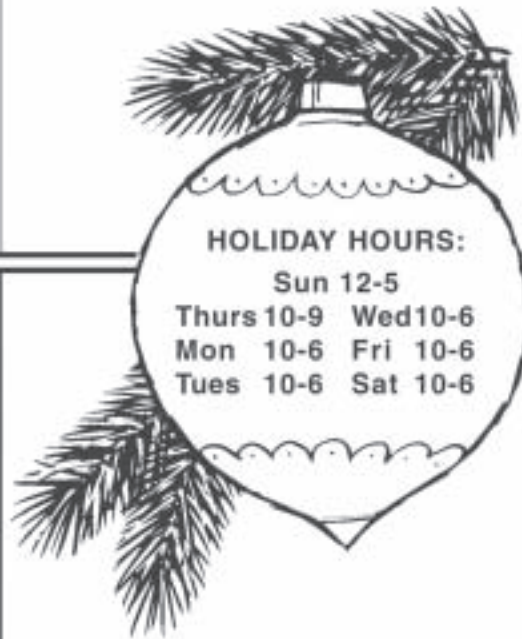
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- Friday, December 12 – Movie: *Bruce Almighty* at 1:30 pm;
- Sunday, December 14 – Lions Club Breakfast with Santa Claus at 8:00 am;
- Monday, December 15 – Braintree Mall, leave at 9:00 am; Computer Classes 10:00 am; Exercises at 1:00 pm;
- Tuesday, December 16 – Lunch at 11:30 am;
- Wednesday, December 17 – Shopping 8:30 am; COA Meeting at 9:30 am; AARP Christmas Party at Fishers 12:00 noon (reservations must be in by December 12);
- Thursday, December 18 – Crafts 9:00 am; Quilting 10:00 am; Blood Pressure 10:30 to 11:30 am; Lunch 11:30 am; Exercises 1:00 pm;
- Friday, December 19 – Movie: *Finding Nemo* at 1:30 pm;
- Saturday, December 20 – SERVE Pick-Up, 10:00 to 11:00 am;
- Monday, December 22 – Shopping 8:30 am; Exercises 1:00 pm;
- Tuesday, December 23 – Lunch 11:30 am;
- Thursday, December 25 – Senior Center Closed;
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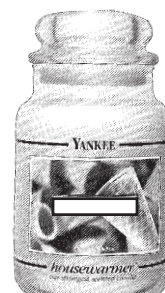
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All proceeds from the ballets will go to the New Bedford Ballet Foundation, a non-profit organization. Throughout the years the foundation has granted numerous scholarships and given thousands of area school children and seniors the opportunity to witness the splendor and beauty of ballet.

For more information or to reserve tickets, please call the New Bedford Ballet at 508-993-1387.

Mattapoisett Council on Aging

December Dates

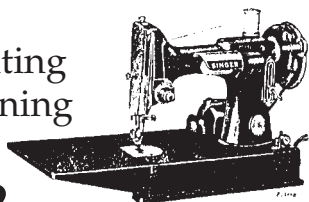
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Rochester Country Fair

The Rochester Country Fair Committee would like to thank everyone who contributed in making this year's fair a successful and memorable event which was enjoyed by all. They are already in the planning stages for the Fifth Annual Rochester Country Fair and they hope to make the fifth year a special one. If you would like to become involved or lend a helping hand, please call any of the committee members.

Mark your calendars and bring your dancing shoes for the Annual Dinner Dance Fund Raiser with The Relics which will be held on Saturday, February 28 at the Red Men Hall located in Wareham. Rochester Country Fair mugs are still available at Bev Loves Books in the Plumb Corner Mall. These collectible mugs are on sale for the holidays at two for \$6 or \$3.50 each.

The committee is currently taking suggestions for the 2004 parade theme. If you have any creative ideas, feel free to call them. Additional fair updates as well as pictures can be viewed on the web at www.rochesterma.com. Thank you once again for supporting this community event.

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Upper Cape Nursing Program

Upper Cape Cod Regional Technical School's Practical Nursing Program has announced the dates of the entrance exam for the 2004-2005 school year. The required entrance exam will be administered at the school on the following dates: Saturday, January 17, 2004; Saturday, February 28, 2004; and Saturday, March 13, 2004 from 7:45 am to approximately 12:00 noon. Pre-registration is



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Rochester Historical Society

There will be no meeting of the Rochester Historical Society in December as the Society members take time out for the holidays. It has been a busy year for the Society. Their membership has doubled this year and they look forward to continued growth. The last six months have been especially busy beginning with the acquisition of the East Rochester Church on County Road in June. With the church came the need for fund-raising.

Members manned booths at both the Country Fair and the Church Flea Market held in Rochester in August, as they have in past years, as well as a yard sale at the East Church in November. These were all successful ventures for the Society. An Open House was held in October which gave everyone a chance to visit and see the lovely interior of the East Rochester Church. The Open House was not just the highlight of a busy year, but was also the official start of a campaign to raise funds to refurbish the downstairs with the hope of sometime soon housing a museum. The Society members want to thank the Cape Cod Bank & Trust and their representative, Ms. Christine Winters, for their generous donation to the building fund. Society members appreciate and are grateful for the help the CCB&T has given them.

There are still t-shirts available at Bev Loves Books at the Plumb Corner Mall as well as numerous items at the Plumb Memorial Library. These make great gifts for the holidays. Don't forget loved ones who live far away but still hold Rochester in their hearts. Think how much they might enjoy something to remind them of home.

Look for future announcements in *The Wanderer* on upcoming Historical Society meetings or events, or call Sue LaFleur at 508-295-8908.



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The shop is open Tuesday through Friday, 1:00 to 5:00 pm and Saturdays, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm.

Silhouette artist Carol LeBeaux will be demonstrating at the Marion Art Center on Saturday, December 13 from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. Hand-cut silhouettes are an old-fashioned art and require unique skill and technique. There will also be a display of memorabilia from the Art Center's collection of personal effects of portrait artist Cecil Clark Davis (1877-1955) in conjunction with the Sippican Women's Club's Marion House Tour.



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• Saturday, December 13 from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm – Silhouettes by Carol Lebeaux. These hand-cut portraits will become treasured heirlooms in your family — the perfect gift for any occasion! Please call or stop by the office to reserve a time.

Tabitha's Tinsel Tea

Our Lady's Haven, 71 Center Street in Fairhaven, will present "Tabitha's Tinsel Tea," a Victorian celebration, on Saturday, December 13 at 1:30 pm. Tickets are \$15 prior to the tea and \$18 the day of the tea. Join them for a delightful afternoon in the beautifully decorated dining room of Our Lady's Haven, formerly the historic Tabitha Inn, in Fairhaven center. Dine on tea sandwiches, scones with Devonshire cream and jellies, assorted pastries, chocolate dipped strawberries, and teas. Enjoy Victorian music presented by Blue Wave Music. Victorian dress, hats and gloves are optional. Come early to view a wide array of prizes in the Chinese auction in the lobby. A drawing will take place at the end of the tea. For tickets or more information, please call 508-999-4561.



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Acushnet Town Election

Acushnet Town Clerk Richard Threlfall announced the following elected positions will be included on the Annual Town Election slated for Monday, April 5, 2004. Nomination papers will be available in the Town Clerk's office beginning January 5, 2004. The last day to take out nomination papers is February 13, 2004.

Selectman (one three-year term); Assessor (one three-year term); Board of Health (one three-year term); School Committee (two three-year terms); School Committee (one two-year term); Commissioner of Trust Funds (one three-year term); Trustee of Free Public Library (two three-year terms); Cemetery Board (one three-year term); Park Commissioner (one three-year term); Planning

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Scouts Seek Donations

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Marion Council on Aging

Senior Party

The Council on Aging (COA) has tickets to the 33rd Annual Senior Citizen's Holiday Party at UMass Dartmouth on Saturday, December 13 from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. Admission is FREE.

Holiday Classics at the Z

The Nebraska Theater Caravan returns to New Bedford's Zeiterion Theater with its annual holiday production of *A Christmas Carol* on Saturday, December 13 with two performances: 2:00 and 7:00 pm. It is sponsored, for the second consecutive year, by Sovereign Bank.

Again starring Matthew Kamprath as Scrooge, this version of *A Christmas Carol* has endeared itself to Zeiterion patrons over the years. Colorful sets, spectacular costumes, and superb acting are the hallmarks of the show.

On Saturday, December 20, *The Nutcracker* will be performed by Rhode Island's esteemed Festival Ballet. This marks the first appearance by the ballet troupe and one eagerly anticipated by Zeiterion Executive Director Christopher Le Blanc, who said: "We were fortunate



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Fairhaven Christmas Concert

The third concert in the Community Concert Series of the First Congregational Church of Fairhaven will be held on Sunday, December 14, at 3:00 pm in the church sanctuary, 34 Center Street in Fairhaven. This program will feature both organist Gerald Dyck as well as the Pilgrim United Handbell Ringers from the Pilgrim United Church of New Bedford. Tickets will be available at the church each morning and at the door on the day of the concert. Adult tickets cost \$7 and tickets for children 12 and under cost \$5.

Gerald Dyck grew up in a German Mennonite community in central Kansas, and received a Bachelor of Arts in Music from Bethel College in North Newton, Kansas. He served as a music teacher with the Mennonite Pax Program on a cooperative farm in Northern Thailand in the early 1960s, and returned to New York City to study for a Master's Degree in Sacred Music from Union Theo-



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logical Seminary. He returned to Chiang Mai, Thailand for four more years of service as director of the music department of Thailand Theological Seminary.

In 1972, he received a certificate in music education from the Orff Institute in Salzburg, Austria. He then moved to Bluffton College in Ohio for two years as instructor of music. He came to Dartmouth in 1974 and began his tenure as musical director of the Greater New Bedford Choral Society, while teaching music to children in the Dartmouth Public Schools and serving as music minister in several area churches. He is currently organist at the Lakeville United Church of Christ.

Among his recent accomplishments is the publication of a cycle of night songs, *The Ancient Face of Night*, which received its premiere performance with the Greater New Bedford Choral Society in the spring of 1999. In the summer of 1997, he received an award for his cycle of solo songs on Welsh texts at the Royal National Eisteddfod held in Bala, Wales. His moving sacred cantata *The Beatitudes* won accolades from performers and members of the audience alike when performed by the Choral Society in May of 2001.

The Pilgrim United Handbell Ringers choir was formed in 1975. There are twelve ringers under the direction of Janet A. Ratcliffe who is the founder. Janet was a teacher and administrator in Music Ed. in New Bedford for 38 years and in her retirement has been director of the handbell choir for 28 years. This is a dedicated group and a few of the ringers are members of other churches. This group is committed to one rehearsal weekly. Each ringer is assigned certain bells. Each assignment is needed to play three octaves of music. Their repertoire consists of both sacred and secular compositions.

The group uses three octaves (+3) of bells made by Schulmerich of PA, USA and three octaves of Suzuki tone chimes. All of their bells and some of the needed equipment have been donated. The first two octaves were given in memory of Kay and George Castino. Kay was the choir director for many years at the United Christian Congregational church and later the Pilgrim United Church of Christ. The third octave was an anonymous donation and one bell was given in honor of Dorcas Lawrence who was their oldest member.

During the Christmas Season and the springtime they have shared their handbell playing with their church congregation and with clubs, organizations, nursing homes and community First Night. The handbell choir was also featured at the 4UCC concert held at our church two years ago.

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MOVIE REVIEW

Weary Warrior

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The Last Samurai. Starring Tom Cruise and Ken Watanabe. Directed by Edward Zwick. Running time: 145 minutes. MPAA rating: R.

Bearded and long-haired, Tom Cruise in *The Last Samurai* is a movie star's egocentric dream of noble machismo — the white man who enters a foreign culture, an ancient warrior class, and proves himself worthy. It's typical of Hollywood that Cruise has been chosen to play the lead in a heavily fictionalized account of the samurai rebellion led by Japanese hero Takamori Saigo in 1877. In real life, very needless to say, there was no disgruntled Civil War captain named Nelson Algren (Cruise), who, captured by samurai forces, learns to love the nobility and elegance of their ways. A significant piece of Japanese history takes a back seat to the spiritual reawakening of Tom Cruise.

I suppose *Dances with Wolves* (to which this movie owes more than to, dare I say it, *The Seven Samurai*) was similarly dishonest; but that was a guilty white dream of atonement for the atrocities perpetrated on Native Americans, and Kevin Costner was helping to defend an entire people, not a class of once-elite warriors who'd been part of an oppressive hierarchy. Some of us went along with Costner's daydream, self-aggrandizing as it sometimes was, because it reflected a genuine curiosity about an extinguished way of life. Here, though, the bitter Algren has flashbacks to his own genocidal rampages under Custer; he drinks a lot and has an air of self-disgust over what he did and saw, and he's Tom Cruise, so we're supposed to forgive him.

Hired by the Japanese to train an army to destroy the rebellious samurai — who resist the modernization of the military and the nation — Algren, leading a bunch of shaky recruits, goes down, but not without a fight. The leader of the samurai, Katsumoto (Ken Watanabe), sees how fiercely Algren defends himself (to point up Algren's superhuman ferocity, director Edward Zwick — never one for subtlety — zeroes in on a flagpole Algren uses to hold off his attackers, the flag emblazoned with a growling tiger) and orders him taken alive. Back at samurai headquarters, Algren is struck back to health by the widow (played by the model Koyuki) of one of the samurai he killed.

Guilt over battle prowess rubs elbows confusingly with pride in it. According to the *Dances with Wolves* template, Algren should be content to live among the wise and noble people in the sanctity

of nature, and absent himself from the violence of his past. But these are samurai; making war is what they do. Since they won't adopt modern tactics like guns or cannons, Algren is of little help to them other than being one more guy with a sword. He becomes proficient at swordsmanship, until even the more disdainful of the samurai grudgingly allow that this one has potential.

What is the theme — to say nothing of the point — of this lumbering if strikingly photographed (by John Toll) mini-epic? Edward Zwick seems smitten with the paradoxes and confusions of war or military action, as in *Legends of the Fall*, *The Siege*, *Courage Under Fire*, and his best film, *Glory* (which Zwick cribbs from here when Cruise forces a jittery recruit to load and fire to prove that his army isn't ready, just like Matthew Broderick firing his pistol right next to a black soldier as he tries to load and fire). I can't really work out how Zwick feels about war from film to film, though in this movie it's certainly useful as a violent panorama against which manhood is tested and proven. The real point of the film seems to be the poster image of a battle-ready Tom Cruise waving a sword and all decked out in gleaming red-and-black samurai armor.

Finally, forgive me, but why are we supposed to care about the extinction of the samurai way? The dying tradition here is that of men born into a warrior class that killed according to the wishes of their masters. (Japanese peasants, who were sometimes beheaded for having offended a samurai, probably had a far less romantic view of the class.) Whose idea was it to deliver a holiday blockbuster whose message is that it's okay to kill as long as you kill with dignity? *The Last Samurai* glorifies war as a necessary way of life. It's not a way of life I'm interested in putting on a pedestal, thanks.



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 Master & Commander (PG-13) — 1:05, 6:55
 Something's Gotta Give (PG-13) — 12:35, 3:20, 7:05, 9:40
 Stuck on You (PG-13) — 12:55, 4:15, 7:20, 9:40
 The Last Samurai (R) — 12:40, 3:45, 6:50, 9:50
 The Missing (R) — 9:00
 Timeline (PG-13) — 4:00, 9:35

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 Love Don't Cost A Thing (PG-13) — 12:35, 3:00, 5:10, 7:30, 9:55
 The Haunted Mansion (PG) — 12:10, 2:35, 5:00, 7:15, 9:35
 Timeline (PG-13) — 9:45
 The Last Samurai (R) — 12:30, 3:35, 7:00, 10:00
 Love Actually (R) — 12:10, 3:05, 7:05
 Elf (PG) — 12:05, 2:35, 5:05, 7:10, 9:30
 The Missing (R) — 4:05, 7:00, 9:50
 Bad Santa (R) — 12:25, 2:50, 5:10, 7:30, 9:35
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 Bad Santa (R) — Fri: 4:00, 6:45, 9:00; Sat: 1:00, 4:00, 6:45, 9:00; Sun: 1:00, 4:00, 6:45; Mon/Tue: 4:00, 6:45
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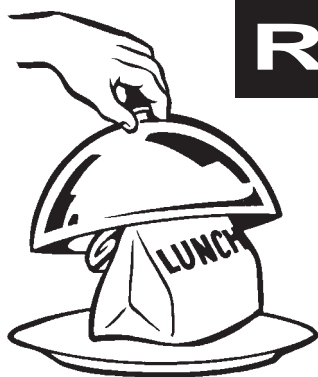
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Friday, December 19 – Beef strip steak with mushroom gravy, whipped potatoes, peas and onions, oatmeal bread, peaches in light syrup.

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Monday, December 15 – Toasted cheese, Steak'Um, oven fries, soup, fruit, dessert, milk.

Tuesday, December 16 – Chicken tenders, mashed potato, peas, fruit, dessert, milk.

Wednesday, December 17 – Baked ziti, garlic bread, rib-a-que, tossed salad, soup, fruit, dessert, milk.

Thursday, December 18 – Meatball sub, chicken fillet, lettuce/tomato, soup, veggie sticks, fruit, dessert, milk.

Friday, December 19 – Cheese pizza, seafood salad roll, soup, salad, fruit, dessert, milk.

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Monday, December 15 – Spicy chicken pattie, Italian sausage sub, rice, fresh fruit, milk.

Tuesday, December 16 – Baked macaroni and cheese, spicy pork rib sandwich, fresh fruit, milk.

Wednesday, December 17 – Spicy pork rib sandwich, cheese quesadilla, mashed potatoes, fresh fruit, milk.

Thursday, December 18 – Hot dog on a roll, grilled cheese, French fries, fresh fruit, milk.

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Monday, December 15 – Toasted cheese, Steak'Um, oven fries, soup, fruit, dessert,

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Wednesday, December 17 – Baked ziti, garlic bread, rib-a-que, tossed salad, soup, fruit, dessert, milk.

Thursday, December 18 – Meatball sub, chicken fillet, lettuce/tomato, soup, veggie sticks, fruit, dessert, milk.

Friday, December 19 – Cheese pizza, seafood salad roll, soup, salad, fruit, dessert, milk.

• OLD COLONY REGIONAL VOKE HIGH SCHOOL

Monday, December 15 – Chicken nuggets, French fries, carrots, pineapple, bread, cookie.

Tuesday, December 16 – Soup, turkey club, hash brown pattie, corn, chocolate whipped cream cake.

Wednesday, December 17 – Orange juice, rotini with meat sauce, green beans, roll, pudding.

Thursday, December 18 – Toasted ham and cheese, ham salad roll, potato puffs, peas, marble cake.

Friday, December 19 – Stuffed crust or bagel pizza, potato chips, mixed vegetables, dessert.

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Monday, December 15 – Toasted cheese, Steak'Um, oven fries, soup, fruit, dessert, milk.

Tuesday, December 16 – Chicken tenders, mashed potato, peas, fruit, dessert, milk.

Wednesday, December 17 – Baked ziti, garlic bread, rib-a-que, tossed salad, soup, fruit, dessert, milk.

Thursday, December 18 – Meatball sub, chicken fillet, lettuce/tomato, soup, veggie

sticks, fruit, dessert, milk.

Friday, December 19 – Cheese pizza, seafood salad roll, soup, salad, fruit, dessert, milk.

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Monday, December 15 – Soup, chicken and cheese quesadilla, popcorn chicken, salad, nachos, cheese sauce, dessert, juice or milk.

Tuesday, December 16 – Soup, beef taco, pepperoni pocket, lettuce/tomato, nachos, cheese sauce, dessert, juice or milk.

Wednesday, December 17 – Soup, meat lasagna, BBQ ribs, green beans, garlic bread, dessert, juice or milk.

Thursday, December 18 – Soup, steamed hot dog, McCrispy chicken, corn on the cob, potato puffs, fruit, juice or milk.

Friday, December 19 – Soup, chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, ham and cheese croissant, corn, gravy, roll, dessert, juice or milk.

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Monday, December 15 – Toasted cheese, Steak'Um, oven fries, soup, fruit, dessert, milk.

Tuesday, December 16 – Chicken tenders, mashed potato, peas, fruit, dessert, milk.

Wednesday, December 17 – Baked ziti, garlic bread, rib-a-que, tossed salad, soup, fruit, dessert, milk.

Thursday, December 18 – Meatball sub, chicken fillet, lettuce/tomato, soup, veggie sticks, fruit, dessert, milk.

Friday, December 19 – Cheese pizza, seafood salad roll, soup, salad, fruit, dessert, milk.

Mattapoisett Machacam Club

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Rose-Colored Life

By Kenneth J. Souza

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They say truth is stranger than fiction.

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Just ask author **Gretchan A. Pyne** of Wareham, a woman who learned firsthand how to turn tragedy into triumph and her little daughter's rose-colored perceptions into published prose.

Despite losing her four-year-old daughter Olivia "Lulu" Pyne to a tragic accident two years ago, Gretchan felt compelled to publish a children's book which she felt would both entertain young readers and, hopefully, teach their parents something about life. Hence, *Lulu's Rose Colored Glasses* was born, inspired by a real-life incident which took place the spring prior to Olivia's death.

"Basically, Lulu changed my perspective that day," Ms. Pyne said. "It's a book for parents, even though it's a children's book. To teach them to see the world through children's eyes. If parents would just take a moment once in a while to see the world through their kids' eyes, it could make all the difference."

At the time, Gretchan said she simply jotted the incident down so she'd remember it. She never dreamed of ever having the tale published ... or that she'd soon lose Lulu during a family trip to a Wellfleet ice cream stand when a metal bike rack fell on her and caused blunt trauma to the little girl's chest.

"I think initially I just wrote the story to myself, to always remember that moment," she said. "We displayed the story at her funeral with the rose-colored glasses ... and after she passed away, I thought this was a story that kids would love. When someone you love dies, all you get are the memories of those moments. You don't always get to relive those moments. It's so important to do that."

Gretchan and her husband Warren decided to self-publish the book under their own "Lulu Belle Books" banner, with a portion of the proceeds from the \$11.95 item being donated to the Olivia Lynn Pyne Scholarship Fund, which they also founded. Ms. Pyne is also greatly indebted to artist Anne Carrozza-Remick, who graciously offered to illustrate the book with pastel-colored paintings for free.

"It was a labor of love for her," Ms. Pyne said. "She did a beautiful job. It was all an act of love."

The initial 1,000-copy press run of *Lulu's Rose Colored Glasses* arrived just before Thanksgiving and Ms. Pyne said the books are now available at some 17 retail outlets throughout the area. In just a couple of weeks, she has been overwhelmed with the response to the touching tale her daughter inspired.

"So many wonderful things have happened," she said. "People are buying the book for loved ones, for friends. One woman said (she was buying it for) her sister who was fighting breast cancer. People seem to be inspired by Lulu's story. As a mother, I think that is the most wonderful thing."



Of course, the book has had some personal benefits, too. Being able to share this vivid and poignant memory of how a little girl was able to quickly change her mother's mood once upon a dreary, gloomy New England day has been very cathartic for Gretchan and helped her through the grieving process.

"It's like the gift that keeps on giving, this book," she said. "I am so pleased. To me, it's just so nice to see people ... opening up their hearts. That feels good as a grieving parent."

And although the story itself may seem like an appropriate literary metaphor for viewing the world with optimism, Gretchan insists the tale is true. In fact, each copy of the book comes with a tiny pair of rose-colored glasses tied to it with a ribbon, just like the ones Olivia wore on that day.

"Her father bought her those glasses two to three weeks prior and she lost them," Ms. Pyne said. "It was a typical New England day, and I was feeling really bummed out and she found the rose-colored glasses in the car. The story did happen the way it is in the book! It was so profound to me how she changed my perception that day. I know the rose-colored glasses are a symbol of that and it makes it that much more special to me."

The book closes with a memorial poem titled "Favorite Angel" written by illustrator Anne Carrozza-Remick, and Ms. Pyne said the makeshift publishing office for Lulu Belle Books is adorned with angels to remind her of Olivia's guiding presence. Indeed, there's an angel looking over Ms. Pyne's shoulder ... and this one has become her literary muse.

Author Gretchan A. Pyne will be signing copies of *Lulu's Rose Colored Glasses* at The Bookstall in Marion on Saturday, December 13 from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm and at Baker Books in Dartmouth on Sunday, December 14 at 1:00 pm.

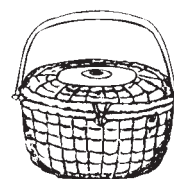
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special collections. The Woman's Club plans to raffle the handcrafted Christmas Stockings displayed on the fireplace mantle.

Delight in visiting six gracious homes located in the village and several waterfront locations. The featured houses will be open from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Along the way, be sure to visit the Marion Historical Society and the Marion Art Center. Plan a stop at St. Gabriel's Parish Hall for a relaxing Afternoon Tea, which is included in your ticket price. While there, browse the boutique sponsored by the Marion Garden Discussion Group.

The brochure map will lead you on a unique adventure through Marion. The homes, decorated professionally for the season, provide a glimpse into the lives of

Marion residents, past and present with a variety of architectural styles and landscapes. You will learn that one location served as a summer home for a former U.S. President. Other homes offer spectacular views of Buzzards Bay and salt marsh landscapes. One location will feature a Gingerbread Village; another has an original Norwegian fireplace. Many of the homes boast antique and period furnishings and restorations in addition to original artwork by well-known artists. The tour will set the tone for a truly festive holiday season.

Design coordinator Madeline Cooke selected the following Design Specialists to decorate the homes on tour: Susannah Davis of Landscape Design, local artist; Lynne Parks Kuhl, Sharon Jane Monteiro of Eden Land-

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Local Police Logs

MARION

The following log excerpts are for the week of November 30, 2003 through December 6, 2003:

- Pleasant Street – gunshots reported
- Wareham Road – adult arrest (operating under the influence of liquor, speeding, no inspection sticker, marked lanes violation, possession of Class D substance)
- Patridge Place – gunshots reported
- Pumping Station Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- Spring Street – suspicious motor vehicle
- Front Street – forgery
- Mill Street – motor vehicle accident/personal injury
- Wareham Road – breaking and entering/past
- Point Road – hunting violation
- Park Street – parking violation
- Allen Street – officer wanted
- Front Street – larceny/past
- Mill Street – suspicious motor vehicle
- Point Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- Tucker Lane – gunshots reported
- Delano Road – suspicious person
- Benson Brook Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- Jerei Lane – animal complaint
- Dexter Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- Pinewood Drive – animal complaint
- Mill Street – motor vehicle accident/hit and run/property damage
- Wareham Road – suspicious activity
- Mill Street – suspicious motor vehicle
- Point Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- Pleasant Street – medical emergency
- Silvershell Beach – motor vehicle complaint
- County Road – motor vehicle

accident/adult arrest (warrant, operating with suspended license, operating with suspended registration)

- Route 195 West – motor vehicle accident/personal injury
- Mill Street – adult arrest (operating under the influence of drugs, possession of Class D substance)
- Route 195 West – motor vehicle accident/property damage
- Route 195 East – motor vehicle accident/property damage
- South Street – parking violation.

MATTAPOISETT

The following log excerpts are for the week of November 30, 2003 through December 6, 2003:

- Crystal Spring Road – vandalism
- North Street – motor vehicle violations
- Crystal Spring Road – suspicious persons
- Angelica Avenue – motor vehicle accident
- Park Street – suspicious motor vehicle
- Boxberry Path – animal complaint
- Delkin Cleaners – mutual aid
- County Road – adult arrest (warrant)
- Channel Street – suspicious motor vehicle
- Marion Road – disturbance
- Marion Road – larceny/forgery/fraud
- Beech Wood Road – gunshots reported
- Fairhaven Road – trespassing/unwanted person
- Route 195 West – auto fire
- Marion Road – suspicious activity
- Huttleston Avenue – assist other agency
- Perkins Lane – animal control
- Fairhaven Road – motor vehicle accident
- Mechanic Street – suspicious motor vehicle
- Park Street – vandalism
- Mattapoisett Neck Road – vandalism
- County Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- Industrial Drive – suspicious motor vehicle
- Melissa Anne Lane – suspicious motor vehicle
- Old Brandt Island Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- Fairhaven Road – motor vehicle accident
- County Road – simple threats
- Fairhaven Road – motor vehicle

accident

- Fairhaven Road – burglary/breaking and entering into motor vehicle
- County Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- North Street – motor vehicle accident
- Knollwood Drive – domestic disturbance
- North Street – fire alarm.

ROCHESTER

The following log excerpts are for the week of December 2, 2003 through December 9, 2003:

- Braley Hill Road – assist other agency
- Snipatuit Road – highway matter
- Mendell Road – burglar alarm
- Hartley Road – ambulance request
- Stuart Road – animal complaint
- Parlowtown Road – suspicious activity
- Dexter Lane – fire alarm
- Dexter Lane – annoying phone calls
- County Road – civil complaint
- Cranberry Highway – breaking and entering
- Clapp Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- Rounseville Road – larceny/forgery/fraud
- Hartley Road – erratic operating of motor vehicle
- Marion Road – car hit deer
- North Avenue – domestic disturbance
- Mary's Pond Road – animal control
- Quaker Lane – animal complaint
- Haskell Ridge Road – fire alarm
- Townwide – highway matter/roads
- Neck Road – highway matter
- Stuart Road – utilities
- Mattapoisett Road – utilities
- Burgess Avenue – utilities
- Quaker Lane – motor vehicle accident
- Randall Road – assist citizen
- Walnut Plain Road – assist citizen
- Mary's Pond Road – traffic hazard
- Mary's Pond Road – highway matter
- North Avenue – highway matter
- Bennett Road – highway matter
- North Avenue – breaking and entering
- Dexter Lane – larceny/forgery/fraud
- Clapp Road – officer wanted
- Clapp Road – motor vehicle accident.



scapes and Garden Center; Madeline Cooke of Ashwell Stenciling; Lisa Wright from A Flower Works; and Holly Turner of Blossoms Flower and Gift Shop.

The cost per ticket is \$13 if purchased in advance and \$16 on the day of the tour. Tickets will be sold in advance in Marion at the Bookstall, Isabelle's and the Marion General Store. Tickets will also be available at Sharon Bassett Antiques and the Barefoot Contessa at the Ropewalk Mall in Mattapoisett. On the day of the tour, tickets will be available at Coldwell Banker Hayes Real Estate Office at 150 Front Street, next to Handy's Tavern. All tickets must be exchanged for a tour map and brochure, which will include descriptive information about each location. The brochures will be available at the Hayes Realty office on Front Street on the day of the tour.

Fairhaven Choir "Lessons"

On Sunday, December 14, the Unitarian Memorial Church choir, along with Music Director Dwight Thomas, will perform "Lessons & Carols" at 4:00 pm in the church sanctuary. The performance is free and all are welcome to



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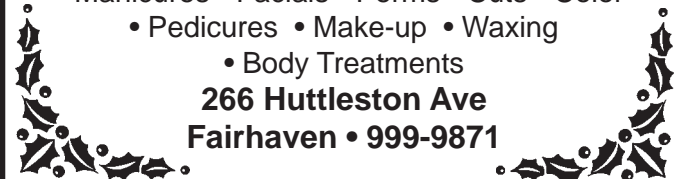
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34 Ms. Rivers' gift?
38 Lee and Bradley
42 Wheels of fortune?
43 Yule purchase
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45 — market
47 Green land
49 "Nabucco" number
53 Mr. Reynolds' gift?
57 Noblewoman
- 61 Like opposites
62 —relief
63 English poet
64 James Herriot, for one
65 Abbreviated address
68 Plopped down
70 Spartacus, e.g.
71 Swiss canton
72 David's instrument
75 Mr. Myers' gift?
78 Sharp
79 Palindromic dictator
80 Largest antelope
81 Court
82 In addition
84 Gun the engine
85 Note
86 Letters of desperation?
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92 Word with eel or eye
94 Mr. Von Sydow's gift?
98 Dickens' Pecksniff
99 High-flying toy
101 Summer-

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102 — de France
103 Novelist Paton
107 Beloved
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112 Mr. Griffith's gift?
116 Director David
117 "Tobacco Road" character
118 To be, in Toulouse
119 Steen stand
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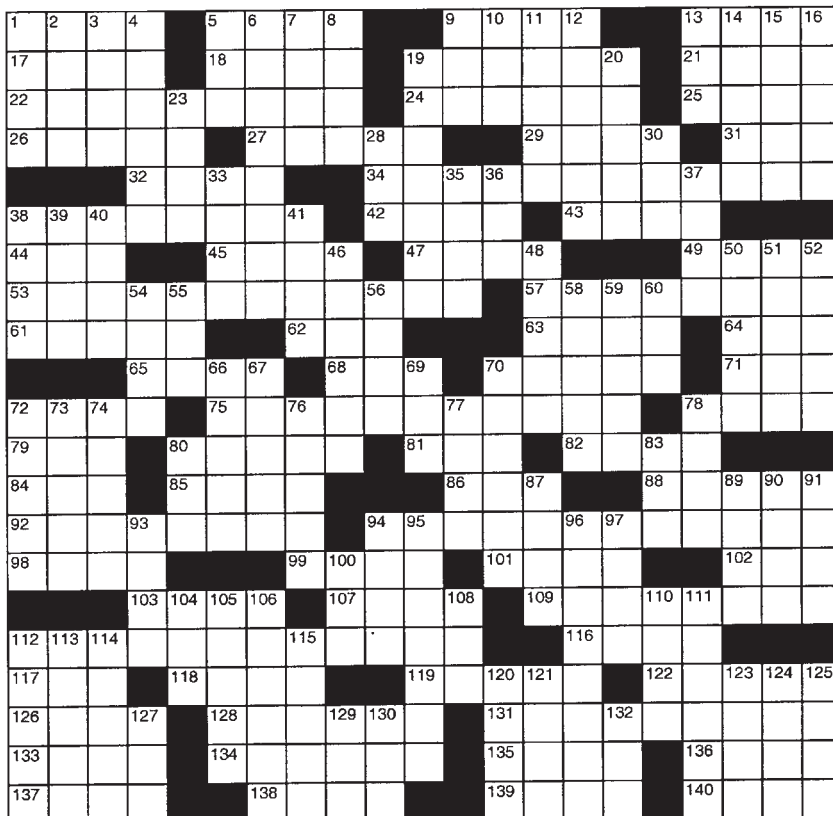
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7 Maintain
8 Change the decor
9 Vintage
10 Actor Herbert
11 Lead through the wilderness
12 Directionless
13 Singer Davis
14 Blessed sound?
15 Coach Don
16 Bruisers
19 Quick change artist?
20 Murcia mister
23 Dread
28 NCO
30 Poetic preposition
33 Fisherman's need
35 Fail to mention
36 Postman's Creed word
37 Patou or Piaget
38 Sound of shock
39 Return address?
40 Astronaut Armstrong
41 Belgrade denizen
46 Took down a peg
48 Levi's

- "Christ Stopped at —"
50 Variety show
51 Grenoble's river
52 John of "The Addams Family"
54 Inclined plane
55 —la-la
56 Lofty initials?
58 Vigilant
59 Party hearty
60 — Fine Day ("63 tune)
66 More proficient
67 Biscayne Bay city
69 Haul a heap
70 Buss
72 Takes on
73 "Jane Eyre" character
74 Fasten firmly
76 Criticize
77 Painter Bonheur
78 Actor Dullea
80 CPR provider
83 —Cat (winter wheels)
87 Exclude
89 Nolde or Jannings
90 Holler
91 Former spouses
93 Actor

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94 British gun
95 Downspouts
96 Adept
97 Holy day
100 Mrs. Eddie Cantor
104 Caustic stuff
105 In search of
106 "McTeague" author
108 Rug type
110 "The Gong Show" panelist
111 Negative terminals
112 "The Plague" novelist
113 Decorate
114 Gymnast Comaneci
115 Do a double take, perhaps
120 James Herriot, for one
121 — May Oliver
123 Actor O'Shea
124 TV's — "12"
125 Workday start
127 Kreskin's letters
129 Cousteau's milieu
130 Unit of work
132 Sugary suffix



SALOME'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Your Arian penchant for impatience shows, as you consider passing a problem-prone project on to someone else. Best advice: Stay with it and work out those snarls yourself.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Even patient Bovines can be frustrated when carefully made plans go awry. But crank up that "stick-to-it-ivity" you do so well, and you'll soon find that your schedule is back in sync.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Your aspect favors using more resourceful means in dealing with a workplace situation. Some discreet checking around could help shed light on the root cause of the problem.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You show an unusually strong streak of stubbornness in rejecting suggestions from friends and/or family members early in the week. But you become more receptive by the week's end.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) The Big Cat might find a gentler approach more effective when dealing with those who resist needed changes. Remember, the word "persuasion" starts with the sound "purr."

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A disappointing experience with someone you felt you could trust can be painful. But there just might be more to this situation than you're aware of. Press for an explanation.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Changing your views about something you believe in isn't easy. But you might reconsider as the facts come in. Keep your mind open, even if you're uneasy about what you might learn.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You might have to do some serious shifting of gears to get your project back on track. But cheer up. Your hard work starts to produce some positive results by the week's end.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) An unsettling mood at the start of the week soon lifts and gives way to a more positive attitude as you find fun and friendship beginning to dominate your aspect.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A delay in firming up holiday plans could work to your advantage. Use this time to scout out possibilities that might be more in line with what those close to you would prefer.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Some people might question some of the new friends you've welcomed into your life. But your ability to see beyond the obvious helps you recognize how special they are.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Financial matters can be especially tricky this week. It's best to follow a conservative investment path for now, and wait for a more fortuitous time to take a bolder approach.

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Rochester Barn Inspections

Rochester Animal Control has begun Barn Inspections and Head Counts of all farm animals (cows, horses, chickens, goats, ducks, etc.) in the Town of Rochester. Please call 508-763-5112, extension 182 to schedule an appointment or for more information.

Postcard Book Locations

So you may do your holiday shopping early, the Mattapoisett Historical Society's *Picture Postcard Memories of Mattapoisett* is now available at the following locations:

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<p>LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT BOARD OF SELECTMEN A public hearing has been scheduled for Monday, December 15, 2003 at 7:00 PM Town Hall, 16 Main Street, Mattapoisett, MA upon the application of Pibul Prasitsuk (Manager) for an All Alcoholic Beverage Restaurant License for CDKC, Inc., d/b/a Cathay Temple, 24 County Road, Mattapoisett. Barry J. Denham, Chairman Raymond H. Andrews, Clerk Stephen J. Lombard 12/04, 12/11</p> <hr/> <p>LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF ROCHESTER BOARD OF APPEALS #841 Notice is hereby given that the Rochester Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the petition of Red Mountain LLC/Center Village Estates, who is seeking a special permit under section VIII.B.5.d. to allow a 4'x 7' temporary sign, which is larger than the allowed 9 square feet. Property is located in the agricultural/residential district, 494 New Bedford Road, Assessors Plan 4 Lot 19C. The public hearing will be held on January 8, 2004, 7:30 PM in the Conference Room of the Rochester Town Hall. Richard J. Manning, Jr., Chairman 12/11, 12/18</p> <hr/> <p>LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF ROCHESTER BOARD OF APPEALS #822 Notice is hereby given that the Rochester Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the petition of Charles J Woodward, 601 Mary's Pond Road; Assessors plan 16 lot 15C, who is seeking a special permit to operate a business in the agricultural/residential district under Section VIII.D.6 of Rochester by-laws. The public hearing will be held on Thursday, January 8, 2004, 7:30 PM in the Conference Room of the Rochester Town Hall. This is a renewal of the special permit granted in 1997 allowing the sale of used motor vehicles.</p> <p>Richard J. Manning, Jr., Chairman 12/11, 12/18</p> <hr/> <p>LEGAL NOTICE Antassawamock Club, Inc. will close its Private Roads to public traffic on Wednesday, December 17, 2003. Board of Directors Antassawamock Club, Inc. Mary E. Conley, Secretary 12/11</p> <hr/>	<p>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT LEGAL NOTICE CONSERVATION COMMISSION The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday December 22, 2003 at 8:00 PM in the Town Hall on a Notice of Intent submitted by Whitman Homes, Inc. 1200 Turnpike Street, Canton, MA 02021. The proposed project is to construct a single family home. The project is located at Bay Club Lot A17 Prince Snow Circle and is further identified as a portion of Lot 31 on Assessor Map 23. Conservation Commission 12/11</p> <hr/> <p>LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF MARION CONSERVATION COMMISSION The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, December 17, 2003 at 7:40 PM in the Town House main conference room on a Request for a Determination of Applicability #41D-1170 submitted by THE KITTANSETT CLUB to construct a 2,055 sq. ft. wooden deck on the north side of the Club House, abutting an existing wooden deck. The project is located at 11 Point Road and is shown as Lot 8A on Marion Assessors' Map 1. Plans are available at the Town House for review. Robert J. Merlino, Chairman 12/11</p> <hr/> <p>LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF MARION CONSERVATION COMMISSION The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, December 17, 2003 at 7:50 PM in the Town House main conference room on a Request for a Determination of Applicability #41D-1171 submitted by THE KITTANSETT CLUB to: (1) repave the existing parking lot at the Club House; and (2) change the existing lawn parking area south of the Club House into a crushed stone parking area. The project is located at 11 Point Road and is shown as Lot 8A on Marion Assessors' Map 1. Plans are available at the Town House for review. Robert J. Merlino, Chairman 12/11</p> <hr/> <p>LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF MARION PLANNING BOARD The Marion Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, January 5, 2004 at 8:15 PM in the Main Conference Room of the Marion Town House to consider the following applications: Application for Review and Approval of a Definitive Plan for a Subdivision of Land by Ms. Jane Coolidge for property located off Point Road, Map 6 Lots 31 and 31B. Application for Special Permit by Coolmar Limited Partnership under Section 5.5 to allow the construction of a waterfront compound. Property located off Point Road, Map 6 Lots 31 and 31B. Hearings to be held concurrently. Peter F. Winters, Chairman 12/11, 12/18</p> <hr/>	<p>LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, December 22, 2003 at 7:40 PM in the Mattapoisett Town Hall on the Request for Determination of Applicability submitted by Fisher & Rocha, Inc. for 17 Beach Street, Map 5A, Lot 74. The applicant proposes to rebuild a shed and a portion of the existing dwelling, remove the existing cesspool, deck and rear stairs, and add a new deck with sunroom. Conservation Commission 12/11</p> <hr/> <p>LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF MARION BOARD OF SELECTMEN HOUSING COMMITTEE The Town of Marion and Marion Housing Committee will sponsor a public hearing on Monday, December 29, 2003 at 7:30 PM in the conference room at the Town House, 2 Spring Street, Marion. The purpose of the hearing is to obtain comments from the public regarding the Town's intention, on behalf of the Marion Housing Committee, to apply to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Department of Housing and Community Development, for Community Development Block Grant Funds. The proposed grant application is for funds to upgrade homes in Marion, bringing them to Massachusetts Building and Sanitary Codes, as part of the Marion Home Program approved by the voters at the November 4, 2002 Special Town Meeting. Any person or organization wishing to be heard on this subject will be afforded the opportunity. Andrew N. Jeffrey, Board of Selectmen, Chairman Stuart L. Richard Marion Housing Committee, Chairman 12/11, 12/18</p> <hr/>

- New Bedford: Whaling Museum Gift Shop;
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The price of the book is \$28 (softcover) and \$50 (hardcover). When purchasing your book(s) at locations other than the museum, be prepared to pay sales tax. If you had previously ordered a book through the museum and have not as yet picked it up, please know that those books are being held for you. The museum is staffed Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday mornings, but please call ahead to be sure someone will be there to help you (508-758-2844).

The book, which contains a wealth of Mattapoisett history of the early 20th century, is the first major publication of the Historical Society since the publication of *Mattapoisett and Old Rochester* in 1903. A poster, which was designed to promote the book is also available for sale at the museum for \$5.

Mattapoisett Town Clerk

Shellfish Buttons

2004 Shellfish Buttons are now on sale in the Mattapoisett Selectmen's office for a fee of \$25 each. All persons holding shellfish buttons numbers 1-50 must pick them up prior to Monday, February 2, 2004 or forfeiture of license will result.

Beach/Wharf Stickers

2004 Beach and Wharf Stickers are now on sale in the Mattapoisett Selectmen's office for a fee of \$5 each. Seniors over the age of 65 are eligible for FREE beach/wharf stickers and seniors over 70 are eligible for FREE shellfish licenses.

Very Victorian Holiday

The Fairhaven Office of Tourism has produced a schedule of December events including the program for the town's Very Victorian Holiday, scheduled for the weekend of December 12, 13 and 14. Copies of the program are now available at the Fairhaven Visitors Center, 43 Center Street, the Millicent Library, the Town Hall, and at other locations in Fairhaven. In New Bedford, the programs are at the Whaling National Historical Park Visitors Center on William Street and at the Waterfront Visitors Center on Pier Three.

The Very Victorian Holiday weekend will begin with the lighting of Benoit Square in North Fairhaven on Friday, December 12 at 6:00 pm, which will be followed immediately by the Oxford School Santa's Workshop in the school gym. On Saturday, December 13, a number of events will be held in the center of Fairhaven during the day. Activities include fairs and holiday shopping at the Unitarian Memorial Church, the First Congregational Church and the Town Hall. There will be children's activities at Rogers School and at the Millicent Library, where a non-stop reading of Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* will also be held. Luncheons will be held at the Harrop Center of the Unitarian Memorial Church and the First

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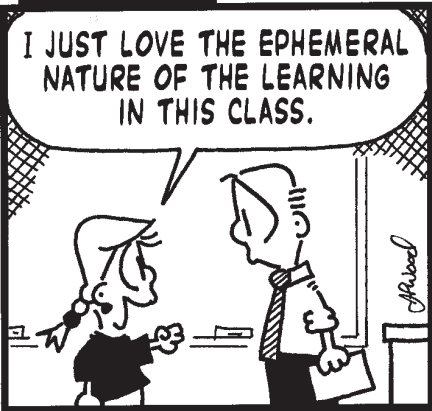
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Congregational Church. A Victorian tea will take place at Our Lady's Haven. Events on Sunday, December 14 include a breakfast at St. Joseph's School and holiday concerts at three churches. More full descriptions, times of the events and a map showing their locations are in the program.

The Fairhaven Visitors Center is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.

Fairhaven Holiday Sermon

On Sunday, December 14, Reverend Ann Fox will give a sermon called "What Do You Believe About Jesus" at the Unitarian Memorial Church in Fairhaven. The beautiful stained glass scene of the nativity seen behind the minister's pulpit reminds us to reflect on the man who has influenced so many in this world. *Was he a savior? Was he a prophet?*

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Sunday School at the Unitarian Universalist church is open to youth in Kindergarten through high school. The church, which serves southern coastal Massachusetts, is located in Fairhaven at the corner of Green and Center Streets.

The Shepherd's Pantry food bank is located at the church and is open from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon every Saturday. Non-perishable food donations are accepted every day. Please call 508-992-7081 for times or other information.

Mattapoisett Computer Courses

Back by popular demand, the Mattapoisett Free Public Library is once again offering Drop-In Computer Classes through March 12, 2004. Upcoming sessions include:

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- February/March – Advanced Skills: Learn to use the Web and all about remote access to library resources. Learn about Email and how to attach documents.

Computer classes will be held on a drop-in basis, (first come-first served) with sign up scheduled for 30-

and/or 60-minute periods during the following times: Wednesday evenings 6:30 to 7:30 pm; Thursday mornings 10:30 to 11:30 am; and Friday afternoons from 2:00 to 3:00 pm.

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Friends of the Elderly

Christmas Party

The Friends of the Elderly will be hosting their Annual Christmas Party for all Mattapoisett seniors on December 11. *Further details will follow.*

Dinner for Two

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Movie Hiatus

Movies at the Mattapoisett Senior Center have been discontinued for December because Christmas falls on Thursday this year. They will resume again in January.

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Marion Natural History Museum

Following is a schedule of upcoming programs at the Marion Natural History Museum, located above the Elizabeth Taber Library, 8 Spring Street in Marion. All programs are from 3:30 to 4:30 pm and cost \$4 for members, \$5 for non-members. Please register by calling the Marion Natural History Museum at 508-748-2098.

- December 12, 2003 from 5:00 to 6:30 pm – *Annual Holiday Open House*. You and your family are cordially invited to visit the museum, listen to wonderful holiday stories, enjoy some delicious refreshments, and make some fun craft projects! Open to the public and free to all!

Marion Seniors Stretch

Senior Stretch, sponsored and partially subsidized by the Friends of the Marion Visiting Nurses, is now in its 12th year and meets regularly on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9:30 to 10:30 am in the First Congregational Church's Fellowship Hall. Participants pay \$20 for 20 (two days per week) or \$30 for 30 (three days per week) stretch classes per ten-week session. Karen Corcoran is the original instructor and continues to keep participating seniors flexible in body and spirit. A new session was recently started. Newcomers are welcome to join anytime. For more information, please contact Betty Bangs at 508-748-1032.

Saint Joseph's School

Breakfast With Santa

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New Bedford First Night

The New Bedford First Night committee is counting the days until New Year's Eve and the big push for volunteers is under way. Volunteers are much needed throughout the evening. "It's a great way to be involved in a community event and also have fun being part of a wonderful celebration," said Susan Grace, this year's First Night President. "We really depend on volunteer support to help accomplish all that needs to be done to make the event run as smoothly as possible."

Volunteers will each be given shifts of a few hours on New Year's Eve to help check for buttons at venue sites, assist at Custom House Square and perform various other necessary tasks.

"There's somewhat of a misconception that New Bedford First Night is run by the city," Ms. Grace said. "Although the city helps tremendously offering many services where needed, the fact is, First Night is a volunteer non-profit group that counts on the financial sponsorship of civic minded companies and individuals and the involvement of community volunteers."

To sign up to volunteer, please contact Susan Grace at 508-993-1999.

"We're just asking that folks give us a couple of hours. They'll have fun, meet people and they will also receive a complimentary First Night button as a thank you," said Julie Lariviere, Vice-President of New Bedford First Night 2004.

New Bedford First Night 2004 is a family-oriented, alcohol-free festival which showcases arts and entertainment throughout the New Year's Eve. It is the fourth oldest First Night celebration in the nation and this year is celebrating its seventeenth New Year. It is funded in part by the Massachusetts Cultural Council but primarily it is supported each year by fund-raising events, sales of attendance buttons, contributions from community-minded businesses and volunteer participation. First Night New Bedford depends on this support for its success. To make a contribution to First Night New Bedford 2004 or to help out as a volunteer, please contact First Night President Susan Grace at 508-993-1999. Please send your sponsorship donations to First Night New Bedford, Inc., P.O. Box 1701, New Bedford, MA 02741.

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American Sign Language

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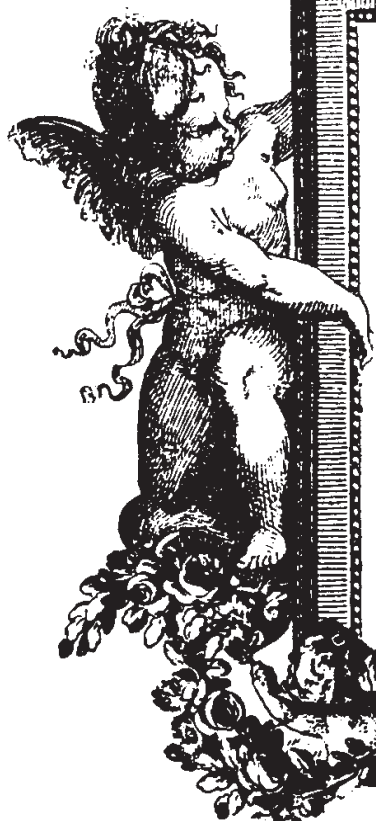
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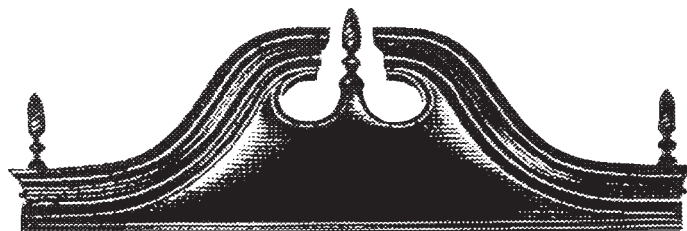
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December 12:	Fri.	9:45	10:24	2:52	3:47
December 13:	Sat.	10:30	11:11	3:32	4:25
December 14:	Sun.	11:19	11:59	4:16	5:07
December 15:	Mon.	...	12:10	5:07	5:57
December 16:	Tues.	12:52	1:05	6:11	6:58
December 17:	Wed.	1:46	2:03	7:30	8:01
December 18:	Thur.	2:44	3:05	8:49	8:57
December 19:	Fri.	3:44	4:08	9:53	9:49
December 20:	Sat.	4:44	5:08	10:50	10:39
December 21:	Sun.	5:41	6:04	11:45	11:30
December 22:	Mon.	6:35	6:57	...	12:40
December 23:	Tues.	7:27	7:50	12:22	1:35
December 24:	Wed.	8:20	8:42	1:14	2:27
December 25:	Thur.	9:13	9:36	2:07	3:17
December 26:	Fri.	10:06	10:31	3:00	4:04
December 27:	Sat.	11:00	11:26	3:52	4:50
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